



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received below average amounts of precipitation last week. However, the San Luis Valley and Pueblo areas received above average moisture. Mountain snowpack is down 6 percent from the previous week to 124 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the State were above average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 5.4 days in the field for spring operations.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly poor to fair across the State.

Livestock: Eighty-two percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 78 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated average. Stored feed supplies are also rated average for this time of year.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	32	54	2
Last Week	13	28	56	3
Last Year	3	11	78	8

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	35	48	4
Last Week	13	33	52	2
Last Year	7	21	68	4

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 20, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	10	25	41	24	0
Prev. Year – 2007	2	11	48	37	2
5-Year Avg.	14	23	40	22	1

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 1 percent pastured and 28 percent jointed this week with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 45 percent seeded by week's end, up 13 percent from the previous week. Dry onions were 72 percent planted and spring wheat was 34 percent seeded. Sugarbeets were 34 percent planted and corn was 6 percent planted by week's end.

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	82	80
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	78	80

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 20, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	10	21	39	22	8
Last Year	2	3	19	45	31

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 20, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	1	2	5	1
Jointed	28	20	29	33
Headed	0	0	1	1
Spring Barley				
Seeded	45	32	62	54
Emerged	9	7	23	21
Spring Wheat				
Planted	34	24	44	41
Emerged	8	6	10	14
Corn				
Planted	6	3	7	6
Dry Onions				
Planted	72	50	74	79
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	19	10	28	31
Sugarbeets				
Planted	34	20	35	51

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	7	18	52	18	5
Winter Wheat	10	21	39	22	8
Spring Wheat	9	20	51	15	5
Livestock	1	5	27	56	11

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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